the Mesopotamian theatre; declared eligible for Superior Service by the Madras Government; has worked for about 4 years in the Public Works Department at Mettur and Coorg.

(b) Pay Rs. 40 in 40-60 grade.

Age 43.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) 1. P. S. Joseph

2. John J. Browne

3. P. Sankunni Menon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he exempted from age bar?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I think that war service men are not subject to such restrictions.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—What is the minimum qualification for the post of a canal superintendent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The minimum qualification is school final.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rs. 40 to 60.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—Is any technical qualification necessary?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was he posted above the three names given?

Mr. President.—It is partly on account of the war service.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, and all these people are now getting the same pay.

Guest House, Ernakulam—Construction of.

64. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of constructing a Guest House in Ernakulam;

(b) if so, at what cost?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) It would cost about Rs. 2 lakhs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any estimate prepared for this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The estimate has just been prepared.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the total cost of the scheme of the reclamation and the Guest House and how much money is proposed to be spent there?

Mr. President.—What is the scheme the Hon'ble Member is referring to?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The Guest House, the reclamations, slum clearance, etc.—the scheme for which you have taken steps to acquire lands. What is the total cost of the whole scheme for which you have taken steps to acquire lands? We saw a notification in the Gazette.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 4 lakhs. That will include reclamations of the low marshy lands to the south of the Railway Station, construction of Police lines, sub-stations and the barracks.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it generally the practice to include works in the budget before preparing estimates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are several works included in the budget without preparing estimates. It has been the practice for the last 12 years.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the face of the limited finances of the State, Sir, is not the expense of 2 lakhs of rupees for a Guest House in the opinion of the Government rather too high, especially in these depression days?

Mr. President.—You cannot ask for an expression of opinion.

Tickets issued at toll-gates—period of.

65. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the period of a ticket purchased at a toll-gate is from sun-rise to sun-rise;

(b) will it not cause hardship to the public in that the purchaser of a ticket at 5 a. m. will have again to purchase a ticket for passing the same toll-gate just after one hour;

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